

## **MINUTES**

### **SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**

Wednesday, October 26, 2016

1:00 PM

Capitol Extension, Room E1.036

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Pursuant to a notice posted in accordance with Senate Rule 11.10 and 11.18, a public hearing of the Senate Committee on Finance was held on Wednesday, October 26, 2016, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.036, at Austin, Texas.

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#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Senator Jane Nelson, Chair  
Senator Juan Hinojosa, Vice Chair  
Senator Paul Bettencourt  
Senator Brian Birdwell  
Senator Lois Kolkhorst  
Senator Charles Schwertner  
Senator Kel Seliger  
Senator Carlos Uresti  
Senator Kirk Watson  
Senator Royce West  
Senator John Whitmire

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Senator Kelly Hancock  
Senator Joan Huffman  
Senator Robert Nichols  
Senator Larry Taylor

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The chair called the meeting to order at 1:03 PM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

Senator Nelson made opening remarks.

The Committee heard invited testimony on Child Protective Services.

Witnesses registering and testifying are shown on the attached list.

Senator Whitmire assumed the chair.

Senator Nelson resumed the chair.

Testimony continued.

Senator Nelson announced a workgroup to further review the Department of Family and Protective Services' plan to ensure timely visits with children and to review the agency's base request and exceptional items for fiscal years 2018-19. The members are:

Senator Schwertner, chair

Senator Birdwell

Senator Kolkhorst

Senator Watson

Senator Whitmire

The Legislative Budget Board gave an update on fiscal years 2016-2017 supplemental costs.

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Senator Bettencourt gave a summary of the findings of the Senate Select Committee on Property Tax Reform and Relief.

There being no further business, at 6:22 PM Senator Nelson moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

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Senator Jane Nelson, Chair

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Stephanie Hoover, Clerk